## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF MONTANA

## **HELENA DIVISION**

MAKUEEYAPEE D. WHITFORD,

CV 22-70-H-SEH

Plaintiff,

vs.

ORDER

JIM SALMONSEN and C. JOHNSON,

Defendants.

On November 10, 2022, Plaintiff Makueeyapee Whitford (Whitford) moved to (1) amend the complaint to add Brian Gootkin as a defendant<sup>1</sup> and (2) withdraw the First Amendment claim and move forward only on the Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act claim.<sup>2</sup> Defendants oppose the motion to amend.<sup>3</sup>

"The court should freely give leave [to amend] when justice so requires."<sup>4</sup>

Amendment now will not prejudice Defendants. The Motion to Amend is granted.

## **ORDERED:**

- 1. Whitford's motion to amend<sup>5</sup> is **GRANTED**.
- 2. The amended complaint shall be filed on or before **January 6, 2023**.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Doc. 16.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Doc. 15.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Doc. 19.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Fed. R. Civ. P. 15(a)(2).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Doc. 16.

- 3. Whitford's motion to withdraw a claim<sup>6</sup> is **DENIED** as moot.
- 4. Whitford must immediately advise the Court and opposing counsel of any change of address and its effective date.

DATED this 14th day of December, 2022.

AM E. HADDON

United States District Judge

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Doc. 15.